## STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING FOR THE MILWAUKEE BASIN TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD STUDY

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is conducting a public informational hearing to receive comments on the "Total Maximum Daily Loads for Total Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids, and Fecal Coliform; Milwaukee River Basin, Wisconsin" (TMDL Study). A copy of the TMDL Study and supporting documentation can be found at: <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TMDLs/Milwaukee/">http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TMDLs/Milwaukee/</a>

The public hearing will be held on November 15, 2016 from 9:30 am till noon in the Firefly Room at the Wauwatosa Public Library 7635 W. North Avenue Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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**Detailed Information:** Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District has developed total maximum daily load calculations, known as TMDLs, for the Menomonee River, Kinnickinnic River, Milwaukee River Watersheds and the Milwaukee Harbor Estuary. Development of the TMDLs is required for impaired waterways under the federal Clean Water Act as part of efforts to meet applicable water quality standards.

The Milwaukee sewerage district initiated the TMDL project as a third party on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources using a contract consulting team to assist with the modeling and calculations. Development of the project has been a multi-year process building on previous watershed work conducted in the basin. The pollutants addressed in the calculations are fecal coliform bacteria, phosphorous and sediment.

Written comments will be accepted through December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Written comments can be submitted via e-mail: <a href="mailto:DNRMilwaukeeBasinTMDL@wisconsin.gov">DNRMilwaukeeBasinTMDL@wisconsin.gov</a>

Or mail:

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Oral comments, received during the public hearing, and written comments received prior to the close of the comment period will be considered prior to making a final approval and submittal of the TMDL Study to EPA. Written and oral comments carry the same weight. A summary with response to comments shall be included in the final TMDL Study report.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.